BEARFACTS 1994 – 2004 **Desha** , **Arkansas** [05041]

Desha is one of 75 counties in Arkansas. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2004 population of 14,392 ranked 52nd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Desha had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,628. This PCPI ranked 56th in the state and was 80 percent of the state average, \$25,776, and 62 percent of the national average, \$33,123. The 2004 PCPI reflected a decrease of 4.9 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. In 1994 the PCPI of Desha was \$14,532 and ranked 53rd in the state. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Desha had a total personal income (TPI) of \$296,872*. This TPI ranked 54th in the state and accounted for 0.4 percent of the state total. In 1994 the TPI of Desha was \$233,100* and ranked 48th in the state. The 2004 TPI reflected a decrease of 5.6 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 6.4 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 5.2 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Desha. In 2004 net earnings accounted for 58.1 percent of TPI (compared with 61.1 in 1994); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.9 percent (compared with 13.9 in 1994); and personal current transfer receipts were 28.9 percent (compared with 25.1 in 1994). From 2003 to 2004 net earnings decreased 12.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 8.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.6 percent. From 1994 to 2004 net earnings increased on average 1.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 3.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Desha decreased from \$243,801* in 2003 to \$214,906* in 2004, a decrease of 11.9 percent. The 2003-2004 state change was 6.4 percent and the national change was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1994 estimate of \$179,300* to the 2004 estimate was 1.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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